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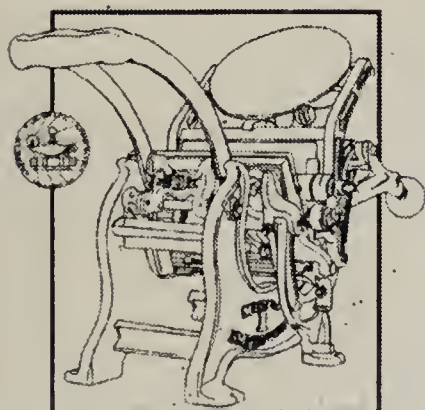
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President's Message

The ILNA Spring Show was this past weekend at the Mark Twain Hotel in East Peoria. The show was a pleasant success. I would like to thank the Corn Belt Coin Club and Tazewell Numismatic Society for hosting a great show back in the Peoria area. I hope this can be the start of a Peoria Club Show every year.

If any club would like to host the 2001 Spring Show, please contact me.

Next up is the ILNA Fall Show on September 7th to the 10th at the Ramada Inn off I-80 and Route 1. We will be the host of the Central States Numismatic Society Show. So mark your calendars. Clayton Hagemann, Bourse Chairman, tells me that 55 tables have been sold. So contact him before all the tables are gone. The Fall Show will have many attractions, exhibits, seminars, a Friday night auction, raffle prizes, door prizes, a Sunday Youth Auction, and so much more. It is the biggest Chicago area Coin Show with free admission, free parking, and over 130 dealer tables.

This year is an election year for officers and five board members. Since no office is being contested, there will be no costly election for ILNA this year.

However, two gentlemen who have served ILNA are retiring from the board. Retiring from the board is Sonny Henry. He has been a valuable asset to ILNA. Sonny has spread the numismatic word throughout Illinois for years. Sonny's auction company has conducted the ILNA Fall Show auction many times. He always conducted the Youth Auction at any ILNA Show. Also retiring from the board is James Erlenborn. He has served ILNA for 24 years, and is a past ILNA President. His banking background has helped ILNA financially for years. Jim is a fine exhibitor, and he has won many honors. Jim has been the exhibit chairman for the Fall Show for many years. When we could not find an exhibit judge, Jim would always step in and perform double duty. Jim and his wife Nancy have opened their house many times to the ILNA Board's summer picnic. Both Sonny Henry and Jim Erlenborn will be missed.

ILNA always needs help from our members. If you can attend the shows, buy and sell raffle tickets, or etc., it all helps. In addition, consider signing up new ILNA members. Applications can be obtained from an ILNA Board member, or downloaded and printed off our web site.

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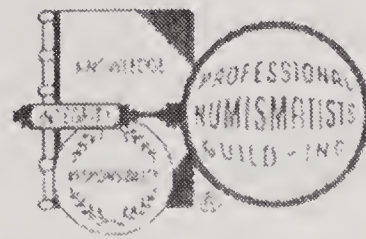
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MAKING SENSE -- THE HIATUS

John D Wright, NLG

Webster's Dictionary defines the word 'hiatus' as 'an opening, a gap, a break with a part missing'. Each of the ten coin denominations originally authorized by the United States Coinage Act of 1792 has at least one hiatus in its run of years. Most have several.

Of those ten denominations, from half cent through eagle, only five are still made. And of those, only the cent -- the first federally struck coin for circulation -- is represented by coins dated every year but one. The hiatus is 1815.

Why are there no 1815 United States cents? Did the U.S. mint make anything else that year? And what else of import was going on here and abroad during the only hiatus in the 208 year run of U.S. cents?

For the first question we need reminding that things are not always what they seem. For example, mint records show no cents struck in 1823, but at least a few thousand pieces bear that date. Those coins are definitely of contemporary manufacture with cents dated 1820 to 1825. Opinions vary between inaccurate or missing records and 1823-dated dies used in 1824. Both positions are credible, but I find the latter to be more so.

There are several proven instances where the U.S. mint used dies in years other than their dating. Examples include 1798-dated cents (S-166) using a broken reverse die that appears unbroken on 1799- dated cents, cents dated 1796 (S-119) struck on Boulton planchets that were not here until November of 1797, and an 1831 cent (N-2) that shares a reverse die with cents of 1835 and was struck AFTER the 1835's.

Other recorded coinage gaps include shutdowns of several months in the 1790's during Yellow Fever season and switches to different denominations. Since the mint was responsible for striking up to ten denominations on only three to six presses, something had to give way -- not once, but regularly. But these interruptions in cent coinage never extended to a year or more.

Bob Julian's excellent detective work published in the January 1995 issue of THE NUMISMATIST showed that there were indeed cents struck and delivered late in 1815. But these were from newly-prepared dies dated 1816. DARN!! I would really love to have one with the gap-date, because that was one of the most significant dates in world history for at least a decade before and after.

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MAKING SENSE (Cont.)

To get an 1815 date on a United States coin, the collector will have to settle for a quarter dollar (89,235 struck), a half dollar (47,150 struck), or a half eagle (635 struck). Since each of these is represented by a single variety, a complete U.S. variety collection of the cent gap-year needs only three coins. But the half eagle is a killer, with only around a dozen pieces known.

During the 1810 decade the Philadelphia mint prepared its own gold and silver planchets: from melting, to alloying, rolling ingots to strip, cutting blanks, and up-setting the edges. Copper planchets, on the other hand, were purchased ready for coining. By this time these were sole-sourced from Britain. With our declaration of war against Britain in 1812, we could buy nothing more from this source. By October of 1814 the mint's inventory of copper planchets was exhausted. And the mint limped through 1815 with the minimal silver and gold coinage noted above.

A fire in January of 1816 destroyed the rolling mills of the mint. No planchets for precious metal coinage could be made until the mills were replaced (in 1817).

With the conclusion of the War of 1812, the British embargo on American trade ended and copper planchets could again be ordered from Britain. The first shipment of these was received in December of 1815. So as a poetic revenge, although there were NO 1815-dated cents, the U.S. coinage of 1816 was nothing BUT cents.

Any one of three major episodes is more than enough to make 1815 a significant year. The one best remembered on this continent is the Battle of New Orleans, a lopsided American victory fought two weeks after the Treaty of Ghent officially ended the War of 1812. The twenty minute battle (two hours of troop movement, only twenty minutes of actual gunfire) culminated weeks of preparation and resulted in thirteen U.S. casualties versus over two thousand British casualties, the deaths of two British Generals, and a British withdrawal.

For the British, engaged in Spain before and at Waterloo after, New Orleans is remembered (if at all) as an unfortunate sideshow. For the Americans it was the turning point of our nationhood and our one major land victory of the War of 1812. The final repulse of British forces catapulted the autocratic Andrew Jackson to a national-hero status that led to his Presidency thirteen years later. And the national mood swung from a long-term pessimism to the cocky self-assuredness that has since become the prototype European view of our country.

By 1815 our country had grown to eight and a third million people, with eighty percent of us still living along the Atlantic seaboard. Our major cities included Philadelphia at 75,000, New York at 60,000, Baltimore at 30,000, and Boston at 25,000. Over eighty percent of Americans were farmers. Most 'quality' manufactured goods were imported from Europe.

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MAKING SENSE (Cont.)

One major outcome of this war was the long-term diminishment of American shipping. In trying to expand her own nautical advantage, Britain forced her ex-colonies to develop a greater self reliance. The British wartime embargo and her own expansion in trade-dominance forced the United States into home manufacture of many things that we had customarily imported. These practices would benefit our children more than either nation suspected.

The year of the copper hiatus was also in the hiatus between the first and second National Banks. In 1811 the charter of the first National Bank expired. Congress chartered the second in 1815, but President Madison vetoed it, and the charter was not passed again until 1817.

During the 1811-1817 National Bank hiatus many states chartered banks that poured millions of inadequately-backed dollars into circulation. These fostered inflation to the point where by 1815 eighty dollars in coin would buy the same goods as a hundred dollars in paper. Though accounts were kept in lawful dollars, paper payment was accepted only at the current local rate, reminiscent of the confused finances of Colonial days. The paper versus coin exchange rate varied with the health of the local issuing banks, being closer to 90% of par in New England and down as far as 75% in Virginia and points south.

With the charter of the second National Bank in 1817, federal paper was issued that was fully backed and fully redeemable in coin. The state banks were economically forced to honor their notes in specie or die, and inflation eased.

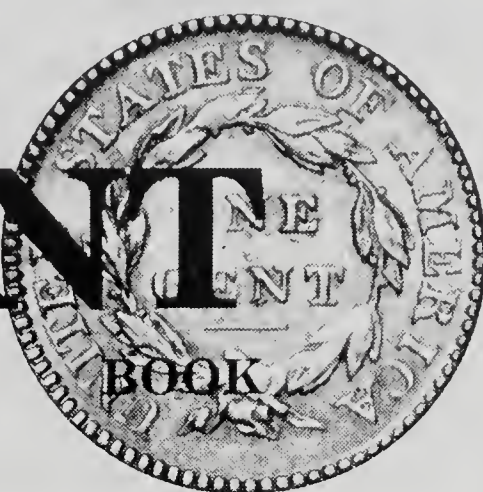
In the spring of 1814 Europe had just ended twenty-two years of war with the defeat and unconditional abdication of Napoleon Bonaparte, who was then 'exiled' to the island of Elba in the Mediterranean with a pension of two million French francs per year. Elba is six miles off the Italian coast.

After ten months Napoleon left Elba for France. The troops sent from Paris to arrest him welcomed their old commander, and Louis XVIII fled into exile. Napoleon took to the field again and began the 'hundred days' of his return, which ended with his defeat at Waterloo in June. He fled to Paris, abdicated again, and tried to escape to America. When he was recognized at dockside, he was taken by the British as a prisoner of war. He was tried, convicted, and exiled to Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, over a thousand miles from the nearest land. There he would live out his days, dying in 1821 of "a lingering illness". That his death was the result of long-term systematic arsenic poisoning would not be forensically proven until 170 years later.

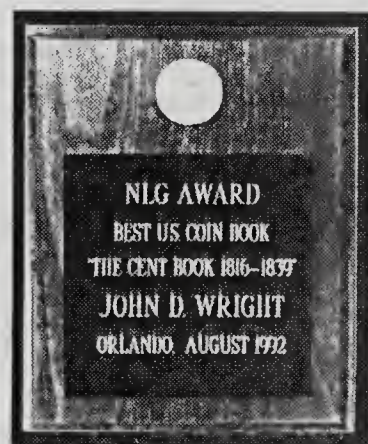
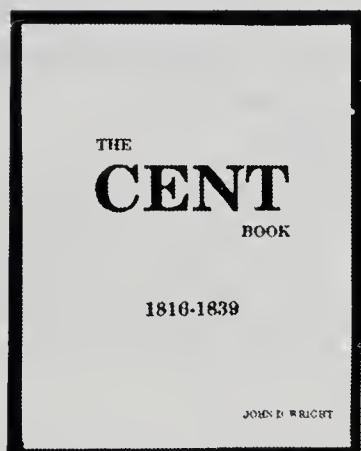
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In Britain the long-hoped-for peace abruptly ended demand for military supplies, sent four hundred thousand demobilized troops home, and brought severe economic depression. A dismal harvest in 1816 added to the massive British unemployment problems, and riots broke out throughout Britain.

Meanwhile, a cataclism had occurred half a globe away. A violent volcanic eruption occurred on 5 April 1815. 'Tamboro' in the East Indies (about seven hundred miles north of Australia) blew up, killing twenty thousand, creating tsunamis (tidal waves), and blowing millions of tons of ash into the stratosphere.

Within a year the ash cloud circled the globe, lowering world temperatures to the point that 1816 is still called "the year without a summer". Heavy snows fell in the Northeast United States in June and July of 1816, clothes left out overnight to dry were frozen stiff in the morning, and frost killed crops in the year that for decades farmers called "eighteen hundred and froze to death".

By 1816 millions of United States cents were being coined from British planchets. The summer was very cold. Indiana became the nineteenth state. The European map was massively updated. Wars of independence were seething in South America. And the hiatus was past. There has never been another missing year for United States cents. But there have been few other years as noteworthy as 1815.

This article was first presented by Mr. Wright as a paper at the "Coinage of the Americas Conference -- The Large Cent" by the American Numismatic Society in New York on 9 November 1996 and is reprinted here with the permission of the Society.

John D. Wright is the author of "The CENT Book", which covers U.S. cents of 1816-1839. He has collected U.S. large cents for over forty years.

What can be found in every denomination of U.S. coins that can also be found in a body of fresh or salt water?

Answer on page 31.

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Spring Board Meeting Minutes April 9, 2000 East Peoria, IL

President Jack Huggins called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Those present were Jack Huggins, Clayton Hagemann, Bill Burbridge, Frank Zapushek, Kermit Wasmer, Dick Arnold, Steve Butler, Michael Doran, James Erlenborn, Sonny Henry, Jimmy Kaczor, Don Keopple, Roy Kuester and Wes Payton. Bob Olson had an excused absent.

Frank Zapushek gave the Secretary's report on membership. A motion was made by Dick Arnold to accept the report as read. Michael Doran seconded the motion and was approved by all in attendance. Minutes from the last meeting were published in the Winter Digest. Roy Kuester made a motion that the Minutes be accept as published. Seconded by Clayton Hagemann and approved by all in attendance.

Bill Burbridge gave the Treasurer Report. Jimmy Kaczor made a motion to accept the report as given. Dick Arnold seconded the motion. All in attendance approved the motion.

New Business

Kermit Wasmer gave a report on ILNA buying 50 cases to be used for exhibits. We will be able to purchase the cases from Alco. The cases will be the standard 17" by 34 " and 5 " deep. They will not have handles, put handles can be easily added. The cost would be around \$59 per case.

It was recommended that this offer be open to all ILNA members. ILNA members may order cases for the \$59 plus \$2. This will allow ILNA to help pay a little on the case, plus help ILNA members. For exact amount and delivery information please contact Kermit Wasmer 325 E. Coney Ave, Watseka, IL. 60970-1714. Or phone Kermit at 815 432-4636.

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Jack Huggins made a request that the person nominated for the 2000 Ralph Winquist Memorial award be accepted. Jimmy Kaczor made a motion to accept the nominee. Don Keopple seconded the motion. All in attendance accepted the motion.

It was recommended that the summer meeting be held on June 25 in a central location in Illinois. Jimmy Kaczor will check into have the meeting at a park in Champaign.

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Spring Board Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

David Spring and Andy Reiber have both given written notification that they would like to run for a seat on the Board of Governors.

Frank Zapushek cover the cost of keeping the records up to date for the ILNA Digest. Members receive a savings of \$1 for paying on the first dues notice. Members that pay after the second notice pay the full \$8 membership fee. Anyone that has not paid by the date on the second notice is removed from the ILNA records. If the dues are later paid, the member must be reentered into the ILNA records. Frank recommends that a \$2 reinstatement fee be charged if the member must be reentered into the ILNA records.

Kermit Wasmer made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Don Keopple seconded the motion. All in attendance accepted the motion.

Jack Huggins made a motion that the meeting be closed. Jimmy Kaczor seconded the motion. All in attendance accepted the motion.

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Collectors

Polite, Courteous, Discourteous, Rude

Everyone knows that collectors come in all sizes and shapes. But sometimes we forget that our actions affect others attending coin shows.

Have you ever seen someone step between a collector and a dealer while they are talking? Standing between the dealer and collector like they were not even there. It does not matter if they are talking about homemade chicken soup. It is still discourteous. Another polite collector will say, "Excuse me, but may I look at those coins."

Another example that I saw was just plain rude. One collector was bent over examining some coins in a dealer's case. Another collector was in such a hurry; he just pushed the collector out of his way and told the dealer, "Let me see that coin."

Watch for this collector at ever coin show. He sets at one dealer's table examining coins and places his paperwork or sometimes even his books on another dealer's case. Thus blocking the second dealer's coins from being viewed and sold. Now this is rude!

A coin show is to be enjoyed by both the dealer and the collector. But sometimes one collector can make the show miserable for everyone in attendance. Soap and water is not that expensive, if you cannot wash to remove very strong body odor, you should stay home. The money you spend is not worth the discomfort of the entire show. Collectors will stop looking at coins if you even approach the table next to the dealer they are visiting.

Good manners help in ever day life, why not at a coin show. Be polite to your fellow collectors and dealers, you just might enjoy your self.

Let's remember that the dealers have rented a table from the local club to display their merchandise. They may have driven 2 to 5 hours to arrive at the one-day show. They loaded their cars, drive to the show, set up their merchandise and waited for your arrival. After the show closes, they must breakdown their table, load their car and drive the 2 to 5 hours to arrive home.

Being polite and courteous helps in every day life, remember to use good manners at coin shows. Most collectors are well mannered; most collectors respect the rights of other collectors and dealers. Remember that a smile will spread fast.

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Pictured here is Frank presenting the award to Ralph's wife, Christa Winkvist. Between Frank and Christa is Don Smith, President of the Rockford Area Coin Club. To the right is Frank and Karen Finch, Ralph's daughter.



This was one of those special moments that one never forgets. A time of joy in remembering all the help and support Ralph was over the many years since the founding of ILNA in 1959. The many changes since Ralph was the first President of ILNA.

It was also a time of sadness, knowing that Ralph's smiling face would no longer greet collectors at the two yearly Rockford Area Coin Shows. He would not be there to offer help and advice to collectors and dealers.

He will be dearly missed by all that ever crossed his path. He will be dearly remembered by all that met him.

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In 1836, the Philadelphia Mint installed a French Portrait Lathe. The use of this lathe eliminated the need of the engraver to cut the Master Die. A hard model of the die was made and then the lathe would rotate clockwise and cut the design into the Master Hub. Once completed, the Master Hub was used to produce the Master Dies. This lathe was used until 1868.

In 1868, the Hill Reducing Lathe was installed. This lathe allowed the model to be larger than the coin it would later produce. This process would improve the quality of the coins. The Hill Reducing Lathe was used until 1907.

In 1907, the Janvier Lather was installed and is still in use today. During this die making process, the model could be much larger than the coin. The first two digits of the date would no longer need to be punched into the Working Die. This now would be included in the model, called a Galvano.

The Janvier Reducing Lathe would track the Galvano and cut the images into the Master Die. The Janvier Reducing Lathe turned clockwise very slowly. It could take days to cut a Master Hub.

Now the Master Hub, with the first two numbers of the date, could be used for years.

In the mid 1980's, the Galvano was produce with all four digits of the date. A new Master Hub has been produced each year since.

During the hubbing process, the Master Hub was impressed on a blank die. This is done with a slow hydraulic pressure of about 100 tons. It would take several hubbings to place the design of the Master Hub on the Master Die. After each hubbing, the Master Die would be placed in an annealing furnace and heated to cherry red. The Master Die was then removed and allowed to cool to room

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Attendance at the Rockford Area Coin Show in February had heavy collector turn out. The show is usually busy, but this year turn out was fantastic. Thanks to work by the local coin club.



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Tour de Mint - Part 2 (Cont.)

temperature. This softened the Master Die.

Then the process would begin again. It was normal for three or four hubbings to occur on small coinage. It was not uncommon for the Morgan dollar to require ten or twelve hubbings before the Master Die was completed.

A few Master Dies would be produced and these Master Dies would then be used to produce many Working Hubs. The hubbing process would be the same when producing the Working Hubs.

Each Working Hub would produce hundreds of Working Dies. Now remember that the hubbing process is repeated each time a new Working Die is created.

In the early 1980's, the Mint started using a new "One Squeeze" process for Lincoln cents. In this process, the Master Hub is still produced from the Galvano. But this is where the process stops. The Master Hub is then used in a new "One Squeeze" Hubbing machine. The Master Hub is used to produce the Working Die.

The "One Squeeze" Hubbing machine uses hundreds of tons of hydraulic press to squeeze the design elements of the Master Hub into the Working Die. This is done with only one hubbing.

A few years later the Philadelphia Mint started producing nickel and dimes with this "One Squeeze" process. In the early 1990's, quarters, half dollars and SBA dollars were converted to the "One Squeeze" process.

It was during my tour that I learned that the "One Squeeze" process does not always work and that rarely, a second hubbing is needed. I also learned that only one Working Die is produced at a time. I also noticed that the old hubbing machine is still installed and ready for use if needed.

This new process has saved the Mint time and money in the production of Working Dies.

Now lets examine the non-automated side of the coinage production. Many new minting processes were learned during this part of the tour. Some I have never seen in print before.

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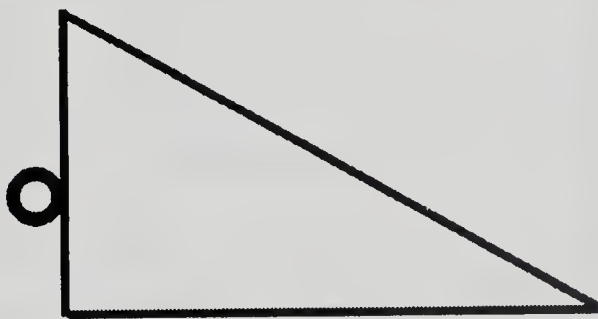
Tour de Mint - Part 2 (Cont.)

Non-Automated side of the Mint:

The planchets were fed into the coinage presses by large hopper at the top of the coinage presses. The machines were completely surrounded by shields, to protect the workers.

The coins came out of each coinage press onto a revolving wheel that moved the coins into a holding bin on the side of the machine. This holding bin was angled down toward the floor. The operator would pick up a few coins and examine them for defects with a three-power loop. If there were no defects, he would release the coins from the holding bin and they would proceed down the holding bin and drop about three feet into a large metal scoop on the floor.

This metal scoop was higher in the back with no height in the front. The sides of the scoop went up at an angle equal to the distance between the front and the back. (The height of the sides increased as they moved toward the back of the scoop. On the back, outside of the scoop was a big o-ring. The scoop looks to hold between 100,000 and 150,000 coins.



An overhead conveyor would move around the room and stop above the scoop on the floor. A hook would be lowered to the ring on the scoop. A mint employee would place the hook into the o-ring on the back of the scoop. The conveyor would raise the scoop and move it over to a tank. Scoops from several coinage presses are emptied into a tank before the tank is loaded onto a "Sizer" stand. These coins are then released into a "Sizer" that also has a "Riddling screen" attached.

After going through the "Sizer" and the "Riddling screen", the coins fall into another tank. At this point, the coins have been well mixed. No longer are the coins in any type of order. This tank is then taken to the counting and bagging area by a fork truck.

The next section of the Mint is what I call the "Hybrid" section. It is not really automated and it can not be called non-automated. This part of the Philadelphia Mint has the coins feed into the "Hopper" at the top of the coinage presses by a conveyor belt. These coinage presses are also surrounded by shields to protect the workers.

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Tour de Mint - Part 2 (Cont.)

The coins came out of each coinage press onto a revolving wheel that moved the coins into a holding bin on the side of the machine. This holding bin was angled down toward the floor. The worker would inspect a hand full of coins with a 3 power loupe.





If the coins had no imperfections, he would release the coins from the holding bin. The coins would travel down and drop into a tank. These tanks looked to hold between 800,000 and 900,000 coins.

On a regular schedule, fork lifts would come around and pick up the tanks and take them over to the "Riddler and Sizer". Several tanks could be emptied at the same time. This again would mix the coins from several coinage presses.

The coins would travel along the "Riddler and Sizer" and empty into another tank at the end of this process. This tank would then be taken to the counting and bagging area by a fork lift.

Next issue we will cover the automated side of the Mint and the counting and bagging operations.

Morgan Twins 2

 <p>Hey Hurl,</p> <p>I'm rich....I found a quarter with Washington's head on both sides. I'm rich....I'm rich....</p>	 <p>Now Twirl,</p> <p>That coin was produced after it left the Mint. It was machine tooled and put together for sale as a novelty item. It has no numismatic value.</p>
<p>Oh Twirl,</p> <p>You have been spinning too much. The Mint can not produce a coin with two heads or two tails.</p> 	<p>OH, MAN !!!!!</p> <p>I thought I was RICH</p> <p>(Sob & Disappointment)</p> <p>But I have learned something.</p> 



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There are two types of clamshell errors. The first type is the laminated error coin which can be almost spit into two parts. This includes all coins which have an almost solid planchet.

The second type is found in all coins that have clad layers.

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May 21, (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club 50th coin show, Mattoon, IL Location: Ramada Inn, East Route 16, Mattoon, IL *Tables:* ?, *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* ? *Contact:* Bob Ohm, Mattoon Coin Club, Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938 Phone: 217 234-2585

JULY 22, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 6th Summer Show Pekin, IL. Location: Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

JULY 23, 2000 (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 45 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* .50 cents, 16 and under free. *Contact:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL. 62702. *Phone:* 217 793-0919

SEPTEMBER 23, (Sat) Tazewell Numismatic Society 40th Annual Show Pekin, IL. Location: Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

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OCTOBER 8, (Sun) Fairfield Coin Club 30th Coin Show & Auction, 8 am to 4 pm, *Location:* North Side Grade School, 806 N. First St, Fairfield, IL *Tables:* 20, *Fee:* \$25 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 W. King St., Fairfield, IL 62837 *Phone:* 618 842-2035

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OCTOBER 29, (Sun) Indian Hill Coin Club Show, 10 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* American Legion Post 771, 749 N. Milwaukee Ave, Gurnee, IL *Tables:* 20, *Fee:* \$20, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Mike Hanninek, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL 60099 *Phone:* 847 872-2725

NOVEMBER 18, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 7th Holiday Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone:* 309 353-6178

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DeKalb Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the DeKalb Public Library, DeKalb, IL. *Information:* Joe Bauxar, #1101 Suburban Apts, 1305 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb, IL. 60115. Phone 815 756-9205

Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts. IL. 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618 632-3331.

Edgar County Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M.. at the Edgar County Farm Bureau Bldg. basement, 210 W. Washington, Paris, IL. *Information:* Elmer Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217 463-2217

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Indian Hill Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. *Information:* Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL. 60099.

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Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p. m. at the North Park Library, Rockford, IL. *Information:* Larry A. Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL. 61008, Phone: 815 547-6382

Sauk Trail Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information:* Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL. 60461. Phone 708 747-0461.

St. Clair Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information:* St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

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Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

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